

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5/9/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-3, 5-14.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with attorney George Beck (Registration Number 38,072) on 7/2/7.

Claim 10 has been amended as follows:

Claim 10. A wireless LAN utilizability detecting method, in which a wireless LAN utilizability detecting system comprising a housing is detachably mounted on a data terminal device, a main power supply for said data terminal device, a wave intensity detecting means disposed at least partly on the housing and serving to obtain a detection output corresponding to the intensity of a wave in a predetermined wireless LAN band, the wave intensity detecting means including a resonating circuit configured to derive power from said wave even when the main power supply of the data terminal is off, and a detection output means for generating, based on the output of the wave intensity detecting means, an output indicating whether the wireless LAN is utilizable, is mounted in the pertinent data terminal device, said method comprising:

receiving an output from the detection output means of the wireless LAN utilizability detecting system;

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checking whether the value of the received output and a predetermined value are identical;

if the value of the received output and the predetermined value are identical, initiating an automatic start operation of the data terminal including turning on the main power supply;

if the value of the received output and the predetermined value are not identical, maintaining a waiting state;

after initiating the automatic start operation checking whether the pertinent wireless LAN can perform authentication;

if authentication can be performed, informing a user that the user can perform actual communication;

if authentication can not be done, turning off the main power supply.

[End of Amendment]

Allowable Subject Matter

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

1. Claims 1-3, 5-14 are allowed.

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2. The examiner's reason for allowance is based on the applicant's Amendment filed on 6/7/06, the examiner amendment and the fact that prior art of records fail to teach all of the limitations in combination with the underlined limitations.

Claim 10. A wireless LAN utilizability detecting method, in which a wireless LAN utilizability detecting system comprising a housing is detachably mounted on a data terminal device, a main power supply for said data terminal device, a wave intensity detecting means disposed at least partly on the housing and serving to obtain a detection output corresponding to the intensity of a wave in a predetermined wireless LAN band, the wave intensity detecting means including a resonating circuit configured to derive power from said wave even when the main power supply of the data terminal is off, and a detection output means for generating, based on the output of the wave intensity detecting means, an output indicating whether the wireless LAN is utilizable, is mounted in the pertinent data terminal device, said method comprising:

receiving an output from the detection output means of the wireless LAN utilizability detecting system;

checking whether the value of the received output and a predetermined value are identical;

if the value of the received output and the predetermined value are identical,
initiating an automatic start operation of the data terminal including turning on the main
power supply;

if the value of the received output and the predetermined value are not identical,
maintaining a waiting state;

after initiating the automatic start operation checking whether the pertinent wireless
LAN can perform authentication;

if authentication can be performed, informing a user that the user can perform actual
communication;

3. if authentication can not be done, turning off the main power supply.

4. Claim 1. A wireless LAN utilizability detecting system comprising:

a housing detachably mounted on a data terminal device, said data terminal
device having a main power supply;

a wave intensity detecting means disposed at least partly inside the housing and
configured to obtain a detection output corresponding to a wave in a predetermined
wireless LAN band, including a resonating circuit configured to derive power from said
wave even when the main power supply of the data terminal is off; and

a detection output means disposed in the housing and configured to generate an
output indicating representing a content as to whether the wireless LAN is utilizable
based on the output of the wave intensity detecting means; and

a separate power supply configured to provide power for said wave detecting
means even when the main power supply of the data terminal device is off.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dung Lam whose telephone number is (571) 272-6497. The examiner can normally be reached on M - F 9 - 6 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lester Kincaid can be reached on (571) 272-7922. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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